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Docket Control
Chairwoman Lea Márquez Peterson
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Arizona Public Service Company (APS or Company)
Application for Approval of Rates, Charges and Schedules
Docket No. E-01345A-19-0236

Dear Chairwoman Márquez Peterson,

We have reviewed your August 26, 2021 memorandum and attachments, filed in this docket, regarding the disclosure of an ex parte communication.

The "Regulatory Climate Update 9" email attached to your memorandum and sent to your office by Mr. Paul Walker appears to be a copy of Theseus, LLC's most recent update on the Arizona regulatory climate. It is our understanding that Theseus prepares and disseminates its updates to a broad audience interested in Arizona regulatory issues.

While APS has (and we presume other Arizona utilities have) a contract with Theseus, the update to which you refer was not prepared in conjunction with, for, or on APS's behalf. Nor did the Company ask or in any way direct Mr. Walker to send the update to your office or any other Commissioners.

Because APS did not directly or indirectly communicate the Regulatory Climate Update 9 email, and it is now in the docket for all parties to see, we do not believe that the provisions of A.A.C. R14-3-113(D)(3) apply or would be appropriate.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Melissa M. Krueger

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